

## REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to replace the title used in the International Application; cancel original claims 1-19 and add new claims 20-34 thereby incorporating the changes made in the International Application.

Also, the abstract has been amended in order to remove the reference numerals therein. The changes to the abstract are submitted in the form of a substitute abstract. A copy of the abstract with changes marked therein is attached.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is intended to realize a hold posture inspection of a plurality of components sucked by a plurality of nozzle rows provided on a head with a single scanning operation, thereby reducing the time for the hold posture inspection and improving the accuracy thereof. In order to achieve such objections, the present invention includes: a head ~~(6)~~ on which at least two nozzle rows are disposed, each of which includes at least one nozzle; a circuit board holding unit ~~(4)~~ for holding a circuit board on which components conveyed by the head ~~(6)~~ are mounted; and an inspection unit—~~(7)~~, provided on a moving path of the head ~~(6)~~ from a supplying unit ~~(2)~~ to the circuit board holding unit—~~(4)~~, for inspecting hold postures of the components held by the nozzles of the head ~~(6)~~ and including sensors ~~(13,—14)~~ for posture inspection independent for the respective nozzle rows.

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